

MEETING #9 - February 9

At a regular meeting (#1) of the Madison County Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Madison County Administrative Center Auditorium located at 414 N. Main Street:

PRESENT R. Clay Jackson, Chair
 Charlotte Hoffman, Vice-Chair
 Kevin McGhee, Member
 Amber Foster, Member
 Carty Yowell, Member
 Jack Hobbs, County Administrator
 Sean Gregg, County Attorney
 Jacqueline Frye, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Determine Quorum, Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Determine Presence of a Quorum/Adopt Agenda

Chairman Jackson advised that a quorum was present.

Chairman Jackson advised that a special presentation will be in order just before public comment.

Supervisor Foster moved to adopt the Agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman. *Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).*

Special Presentation

Chairman Jackson advised that the Board of Supervisors would like to recognize John Sherer, Emergency Management Services Coordinator, who was hired in a part-time position which has called him to work in excess of fifty (50) hours per week; not only has he demonstrated the ability to work with all emergency services agencies (i.e. medical, fire, rescue, law enforcement, dispatch, VDEM, VDH, DSS), he has also effectively organized the COVID-19 vaccination clinic that was held last week. Mr. Sherer has worked to get necessary supplies during the pandemic, and has gone above the call of duty to help protect the citizens of Madison County. Mr. Sherer was also award with a called John Sherer, Emergency Management Services Coordinator, to the front and provided highlights of the tasks/duties assigned for his part-time position, which has actually evolved into a fifty-hour (50) week during the ongoing pandemic; accolades were provided for Mr. Sherer's organization skills, ability to effective utilize county resources, and his ability to work with law enforcement, emergency communications, medical services staff, and extended county personnel and citizens to coordinate the COVID-19 vaccination endeavor. In light of his strong work ethic and attention to detail, Mr. Sherer was presented with a 'battlefield promotion', a badge to announce his promotion to Chief of Emergency Management, and a salary increase, to recognize his dedication to serving the citizens of Madison County.

Comments from the Board:

- *Supervisor Hoffman: Thanked Mr. Sherer for his diligence and for working so well with others; the position he was hired for is part-time, although he's been working full-time plus hours.*

John Sherer, was present and expressed an appreciation of working with the staff and citizens; acknowledged that it's a joint effort.

- *Supervisor Yowell: Thanked Mr. Sherer for his efforts; has received many positive comments regarding the recent COVID-19 vaccine clinic.*

Supervisor Yowell moved that John Sherer's title be changed to Chief of Emergency Management, and that the County Administrator work to negotiate a pay raise, seconded by Supervisor Foster. *Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).*

Chuck Jackson of Mad-Rapp Reporters, presented John Sherer with his company's '2021 Madison County Person of the Year' award.

Public Comment

Chairman Jackson opened the floor for public comment. The following individuals provided comment(s): Joe May was present and referred to an article published in the USA Today regarding education and the fact that Governor Ralph Northam has requested that all schools within the State of Virginia make in-person instruction available, or at least as an option to all students grades K-12, by March 2021; also suggested the school board refrain from handing out pay raises; feels that the Governor will plan to make school remain open throughout the summer months; also questioned why the local school system staff didn't volunteer to receive the vaccination when shots were being offered to staff.

Nick McDowell was present and referred to the local parks located in Culpeper County that offer several walking trails; feels that Hoover Ridge isn't truly a 'park' but does have much potential; encouraged the Board of Supervisors to move forward to explore the potential of the site; also noted that the intersection of Fishback Road and Rt. 29 'screams for a traffic circle'; encouraged the County to bring this suggested to the attention of VDOT representatives in the near future.

James Howe was present to read a letter for the record regarding suggestions for the swinging bridges at Criglersville, noted as follows:

"Dear Madison County Board of Supervisors: February 9, 2021

As you know from our previous presentations, the Criglersville Swinging Bridges are vitally important to almost every activity and business in this rural community, as well as to Madison County residents and tourism. Hence, we read the report and cost estimates for rehabilitation of the Criglersville Lindsay Lane Bridge provided by VDOT and Ms. Shephard with interest. As an alternative to this analysis, we would like to offer the following proposal.

- We will form an Association whose mission is to repair and reopen the closed Criglersville Bridge as soon as possible. The Association will consist of a project engineer and several members who will take responsibility for bringing the project to completion.*
- Prof. Dana Elzey, the consultant that inspected the bridge and provided a cost estimate for repair previously presented to the Board, is willing to oversee the project and be responsible for repairing the bridge. Prof. Elzey has offered to supervise the project for free, or for a modest fee if the Board feels that is necessary to make the commitment legitimate.*
- The Association will raise all the money and repair the bridge to VDOT's satisfaction under the supervision of Prof. Elzey's direction. Funds will be raised from a variety of sources, such as individual donors and businesses, a GoFundMe campaign, the petition email list, etc. We anticipate the project to cost about \$15,000 (mostly materials), and already have approximately \$4,000 of this promised from individual lead donors.*
- We request permission from the Board to execute the project and to obtain permission from VDOT.*
- To ensure that there is no misappropriation of funds, all money raised, and in-kind contributions such as materials, will be documented and in the case of money, held in a bank account open for inspection at any time by a Board of Supervisor member, or an appointee of their choosing. Any funds not spent will be held in an account for future repairs of the Criglersville Bridges as outlined further below. This account will be open for inspection by the Board at any time.*
- In terms of liability, everyone who physically works on repairing the bridge, from painting, to welding, to laying of cables, etc., will sign a waiver, releasing Madison County and VDOT from any liability in terms of injury. In other words, every individual will assume responsibility for their own participation in the project.*

- If the Board and VDOT approve of our plan, our next step will be to supply the Board with a formal list of Association members and duties, and a timeline for completion of the project up to a pre-scheduled VDOT inspection to be coordinated with VDOT.

- All steps taken, including repair of the bridge, will be done with proper Covid-19 precautions.

- Concurrent with repairing the Lindsay Lane Bridge, we will work toward a long-term solution for future repair and maintenance of the Criglersville Swinging Bridges. This may include forming a Foundation or LLC to oversee and manage maintenance and repair of the bridges, developing the adjoining properties with landowner permission, and so forth. At a minimum, it will involve raising ~\$500 annually to maintain the bridges for at least the next 10 years. Respectively submitted,

Jim Howe, Renee Balfour and Scott Elliff

Comments pertained to Hoover Ridge and the fact that (in his opinion) has more potential; also noted that With no comment(s) being brought forth, the comment session was closed.

Special Appearances

1. Public Hearing: Renaming Mulatto Run to Pass Run [Resolution #2021-2]: Chairman Jackson advised that a public hearing has been scheduled to attain input on the request to rename Mulatto Run to Pass Run.

Becky Thompson of the Madison Equality Project, was present to provide an overview of the request to rename Mulatto Run to its original name of Pass Run, as researched by the Madison County Historical Society and the Board of Geographic Names. In closing, she noted that the current name is deemed to be inappropriate for this day in time; several letters of support have been received to support today's proposed request.

The County Administrator advised that all letters of support are contained in today's board meeting packet for review.

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that Resolution #2021-3 [Change Mulatto Run to Pass Run] was available for consideration.*

Chairman Jackson opened the floor of the public hearing. The following individuals provided input

- Charles Michael Fisher was present and verbalized support that the name Mulatto Run should be changed; also questioned how long Negro Run has been changed; questioned if the request will simply involve removing the signs along Rt. 231; when reaching Robinson River, the name Negro Run also surfaces; suggested that the name Negro Run also be changed.

- *Chairman Jackson: Suggested that some follow up be done with the Board of Geographic Names to ensure that all name changes have been initiated, based on possible adoption of today's proposed resolution.*

- Carolyn Smith joined via the online platform, and advised changing a name can be difficult to accept in some cases; the run crosses her property; also feels that the name should be changed because:

- 1) The name (in her opinion) is offensive in that it casts Virginia (and Madison County) in a bad light
- 2) The name Mulatto was used to refer to mixture of races (during slavery)
- 3) Visitors find that it makes the State of Virginia look 'backwards'

Encouraged that the historical, original name "Pass Run" be used from this point forward.

- Carol Nash joined via the online format and read the following letter for the record:

"Mr. Dewey Lillard's deed research identifies the earliest recorded name for the stream now called "Mulatto Run" as "Pass Run" in 1733. It was described in the John Carpenter land grant. The name "Pass Run" is associated with the settlement of the Germanna colony along the Robinson River. It is likely that the Pass Run name comes from the headwaters of the stream near the saddle of Utz Hightop, which was a 'pass' across Blakey Ridge into the Rapidan River Valley.

“Mulatto” has a long history of referring to mixed-race persons or communities, and in the United States, was commonly used to describe mixed-race children born into slavery. In Virginia, the General Assembly created the legal category in 1785. The name “Mulatto Run” does not appear on the early maps or geographic descriptions of the county. For example, it is not named on John Wood’s 1821 map of the county. Martin’s 1835 Gazetteer of Virginia describes “several bold, fine springs” on the east side of German Ridge that are headwaters of White Oak Run, but there is no mention of other named streams in the vicinity. The U.S. Government added ‘mulatto’ as a census category in 1850 and used it until 1900. Our work with historic maps found that the name “Mulatto Run” first appeared on maps during this period, beginning with Civil War-era maps drawn by both Union and Confederate cartographers. It appeared on the 1875 map of the county. The earliest USGS topographic map that displays the name is from 1930. It has appeared on every topographic map since. According to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names database, there are currently 12 features and places in the United States that retain “Mulatto,” and with the exception of one in New Mexico, they are all in the South. Mulatto Run is the only one in Virginia. The discussion you’re having today is taking place around the country – for example, there are 766 named features and places that retain “Negro,” and there are actions underway to change many of these names. Why are these names on maps and signs? They reflect racial categories that were imposed on communities. They are names that were recorded by map makers who talked with local residents. Figuring out how “Mulatto” became associated with the stream requires collaborative research and work in oral tradition. I have heard a range of answers: “Mulatto” referring to the color of the water as similar to the color of mixed-race skin or referring to a possible early Black community in the Pass Run valley. It is very common in Central and Western Virginia to find racial place names from the 19th century that are tied to Black communities, as a way of separating them. For example, we did research in northern Rockbridge County on a community known as “Smoky Row.” According to locals, the name had a double meaning: both a reference to the wood-burning stoves of the cabins in the small hollow and the color of the skin of the people who lived there. There is power in naming. When we name a stream or a place, we are memorializing and remembering. We are asking people to recall history. When we name, though, we are not merely sharing memories: we are also reinforcing the decisions of those who determine what is remembered. Naming impacts members of the community. When we see the “Mulatto Run” sign, what are we remembering? What does this name represent? It represents a time when people were forced into categories, they themselves did not choose – categories that separated and discriminated. To continue to use such a name dishonors them and the place.

Gabrielle Mesill typed a comment to encourage the name change of Mulatto Run, which she feels is offensive and outdated.'

- Mary Grogan joined via the online platform and verbalized comments presented by Carole Nash, Carolyn Smith, and strongly favors the proposed name change.
- Jane Dalton was present and advised that (in her opinion):
 1. The process was flawed
 2. Letters to the landowners and local churches presented only one side of the issue and only asked for written responses in favor of the name change and excluded those in the community that may have had a different opinion
 3. Contrary opinions didn't appear to be welcome (as noted and verbalized by many citizens who saw things differently). Although the letters were then changed to include civic groups, the damage had already been done; feels that the President is somewhat flimsy as there is no evidence that the name (Mulatto Run) was chosen for a race for any derogatory reason, and feels that this is speculation only based on the word being used as an adjective in the dictionary (that refers to tan or light brown) and some describe the word being considered offensive or as a person of mixed ancestry; advised that she has seen nothing but friendly and caring relationships amongst all people living in the community; referred to the fact that we should love our neighbors as we do ourselves; recommended that tonight's

proposal be tabled until a later date when all citizens will have had ample opportunity to express their opinion.

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that the County has received letters in support of the proposed name change; Status were noted as follows:*

Support

Maxwell Lacy
Martha Greene
Aldene Adkins
Anita Martino
Carolyn Smith
Elizabeth Jacobsen Snead
Jackie Sue Powell
Kim Ports Parsons
Melissa Luce
Maureen Reagan
Melinda O'Neal
Ollie Kitchen
Sherry Kirby
Madison County Literacy Council

Non-Support

Rap Owens
John Hawkins

Neutral

Hallie Lloyd

- Cindy Taylor was present to verbalize support of the proposed name change; also noted that she's the Secretary of the Culpeper Chapter of the NAACP, and advised that many of the NAACP members have expressed favor of the proposed name change, and do not consider tonight's proposal to be a superficial gesture; noted that an official letter of support can be provided by the Chapter if needed.

Nick McDowell was present and referred to the fact that he'd prefer that the history of the County not be lost or misinterpreted; noted that history is history and shouldn't be forgotten.

With no further comments being brought forth, the public hearing was closed.

Comments from the Board:

- *Supervisor Hoffman: Advised that her husband (Steve Hoffman) has much historical knowledge of the County's history and has advised that his elders had advised that "Mulatto Run" was actually named after the muddy water, and there were no known black families living in the area, and that the name wasn't actually offensive; in closing, she noted that you can't change history and that the name wasn't verbalized to signify a race.*
- *Chairman Jackson: Presented a map from 1740 that shows the name as being "Pass Run" during that time.*
- *Supervisor Yowell: Noted that his grandparents lived in Etlan (next to the Rappahannock County line) and he always experienced uneasiness when seeing the Mulatto Run sign as a young child; verbalized favor of changing the name back to its original name of Pass Run.*
- *Supervisor Foster: Noted that if the name Mulatto Run offends anyone, the Board of Supervisors is here to protect all of the citizens of the County; verbalized favor of changing the name to Pass Run.*

- *Supervisor McGhee: Verbalized that his wife educated him on the name 'Mulatto', which has evolved into an offensive term.*

Supervisor Yowell moved that the Board approve Resolution #2021-3 [Change Mulatto Run to Pass Run], seconded by Supervisor Foster. ***Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).***

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE NAME OF MULATTO RUN TO PASS RUN

RESOLUTION #2021-3

WHEREAS, the Madison Equality Project, a public partnership dedicated to raising national awareness of the cultural and historic nature of Madison County, has requested the support of the Madison County Board of Supervisors in changing the name of Mulatto Run to Pass Run in the village of Aylor in Madison County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Historical Society has researched this matter and recommends in favor of the request; and

WHEREAS, comments on the proposed name change have been solicited from adjacent property owners and community organizations, and the matter was the subject of a duly advertised public hearing before the Madison County Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors finds that the name change is appropriate and justified;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors supports changing the name of Mulatto Run to Pass Run; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all action required to support this name change in any federal, state or regional program or document is hereby authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisor directs that the name of this geographic feature is to be Pass Run on all maps and other documents produced by Madison County as such are created or changed upon approval of the name change by the Board of Geographic Names.

2. Jane Bowling-Wilson, Northern Piedmont Community Foundation PowerPoint Presentation: Jane Bowling-Wilson of the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, was present and provided a PowerPoint display to highlight:

- The mission of the organization
- Total assets, community grant opportunities, COVID relief, total funds, and scholarships
- The benefits of linking to a community foundation
- Investment details, funding types and community partners

And

- The economic impact of non-profit organizations

In closing, she encouraged the County to become a part of the community foundation which will allow funding opportunities that will be specific for the local community and non-profit organizations here, and also thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to speak at today's meeting session.

- *Supervisor Yowell: Questioned the names of the County's representatives;*

To which Ms. Wilson-Bowling advised are:

Valerie Goossens
Russel James
Larry Christiansen

She further advised that COVID funds are still available for local non-profit organizations to make application for; emergency response funding was allocated to four (4) non-profit organizations this week.
Supervisor Hoffman: Questioned the total administrative costs for the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation; To which Ms. Bowling-Wilson advised are about two percent (2%) of the total overhead costs (i.e. operating costs is about \$256,000; the agency employs three (3) individuals [looking to hire an additional person]).

3. Presentation: Carrie Shephard, VDOT

A. Quarterly Report: Carrie Shephard, VDOT, joined via the online meeting platform and provided input from the quarterly report that focused on the following:

Preliminary engineering report

Route 707 - Nethers Road Bridge Replacement: Funds have been identified to move into RW

Last Milestone: Field Inspection

Next Milestone: Right-of-way

Ad Date: TBD

Route 707 - Pine Hill Road Bridge Replacement

Last Milestone: Authorize PE

Next Milestone: Scope

Ad Date: TBD

Route 29 - RCUT at Shelty - HSIP

Next Milestone: Scoping

Ad Date: November 2022

Rural Rustic

606 Novum Road

Funding Year: FY20

Status: Complete

675 Forest Drive

Funding: FY21

Status: Scoping

666 Pea Ridge Road

Funding Year: FY21

Status: Scoping

Construction

Bridge Projects

Route 607 Repton Mills Road

*No Road projects in order at this time

Traffic Engineering

Completed studies: Town of Madison (Pedestrian sign & pavement marking review)

Studies under Review: 699 Lester Utz Lane Speed Study in progress

- *Chairman Jackson: Questioned the time frame for the Six-Year Road Improvement Plan; noted that a request has been made to add Walkers Mill Road to the rural rustic road program in the plan; the Town has also requested that additional paint be added to the crosswalks to make them appear more like crosswalks*

and not just lines across the roadway. Additional concerns noted today focused on the intersection of Rt. 29 and Fishback Road being assessed for a traffic circle.

- *Supervisor Yowell: Advised of a neighbor on Emmet Road that has ¾ of a mile of roadway that hasn't been paved; asked if this portion of work could be added to the six-year road improvement plan.*

Swinging Bridges in Criglersville

Ms. Shephard provided a complete package pertaining to the swinging bridges in Criglersville to include:

- Cost estimates focused on full rehabilitation efforts
 - The need to request donation of the right-of-way
 - A prescriptive easement is currently in place
- *Supervisor Yowell: Referred to the proposal from the citizens of Criglersville pertaining to repairs of the swinging bridge(s); asked if VDOT desires to refrain from future commitments to maintain the bridge(s) and whether the documentation presented today contains ADA compliance.*

To which Ms. Shephard advised that VDOT will proceed with whatever criteria the County deems to be appropriate; she also advised that ADA compliance guidelines aren't included in today's presentation for the proposed rehabilitation process.

- *Supervisor McGhee: Questioned the replacement option and questioned how the ADA requirements can be eliminated from the proposed work.*

To which Ms. Shephard advised may be due to the fact that a reasonable solution is being sought and also that the existing bridge has been in place as is for many years; the intent is to replace the bridge with a design similar to what's already in place.

Dave Cubbage, VDOT, joined via the online platform and advised that VDOT can look at compliance issues and can assess other items of concern.

In regards to the proposal from the citizens of Criglersville, Ms. Shephard advised that she did receive the proposal, which was discussed internally (by VDOT representatives), and advised that VDOT representatives will be more than willing to continue discussions with the citizen group and follow up with the County to provide input, should the County so desire.

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that the citizen's proposal appears to include people that have provided quality input. Additionally, the Board requested that Ms. Shephard follow up and provide information on the discussion with the above referenced parties; a synopsis of the discussions will be provided to the Board at the next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2021.*

The Board of Supervisors thanked Mr. Howe for today's proposal, and to Ms. Shephard for providing a full history and rehabilitative suggestions for the swinging bridge(s).

Consent Agenda:

4. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes from the January 21 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #1)
 - B. Minutes from the January 26 Board Meeting (Regular Meeting)
 - C. Minutes from the January 28 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #2)

- D. Minutes from the January 31 Board Meeting (Called/Special Meeting)
- E. Minutes from the February 4 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #3)
- G. Supplement 21-43 - Electoral Board CARES Act Funding true-up \$8,431.03
- H. Supplement 21-44 Emergency Communications NextGen true-up \$26,143.11
- I. Supplement 21-45 Insurance Recoveries \$4,784.86
- J. Supplement 21-46 Reclassify Moore Building Rent as Debt \$42,225.50

Supervisor McGhee moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted as presented, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman.

Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell.

Constitutional Officers, County Departments, Committees & Organizations

5. Committee Appointments (Frye):

RRCSB: The Deputy Clerk advised that an application has been received for the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board vacancy.

BZA: Ms. Suzanna Long has advised that she will consult the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals to assess whether those members' whose terms will expire soon would like to continue serving.

Building of Appeals Board: There are two (2) vacancies on the Building Code of Appeals Boards; all vacancies have been updated on the County's website.

After discussion, it was requested that the RRCSB applicant be asked to attend an interview on February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

IDA Board: James Graves has agreed to serve an additional term on the Madison Industrial Development Authority Board.

Supervisor McGhee moved to reappoint James Graves to the Madison Industrial Development Authority Board for a four-year (4) term (April 11, 2025), seconded by Supervisor Foster. *Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).*

Planning Commission: Mike Mosko, Commission Chair, was present and introduced Nathan Cowan as the newly appointed Commission member; noted that the Commission is working on an issue for additional housing units on C-1 and A-1 properties; updating the wireless communications facilities ordinance; and on the Broadband initiative E911: Brian Gordon, Director of Emergency Communications was present; nothing to report at this time.

EMS: Noah Hillstrom, Director of Emergency Medical Services, was present to report that: 138 calls were toned this month; average response time was ten (10) minutes.

Emergency Management Services: John Sherer, Emergency Management Services Coordinator, was present to report and the recent COVID-19 vaccination clinic went very well; additional vaccinations will be administered for the next three (3) Wednesdays, based on supply; currently 108 people are already signed up for tomorrow's round of vaccinations; the federal pharmacy partnership (i.e. CVS and Walgreens) will be initiated into service later this week - unsure how this endeavor will affect the County's operations; report at this time; outreach efforts will continue in an attempt to reach those individuals that don't have internet access; Phase 1B will go well into March/April; 1,729 citizens have received the 1st round of vaccinations; 258 citizens have been fully vaccinated to date; there have been 1,270 calls to the hotline thus far; flyers will be printed and distributed (by local law enforcement) throughout the community to spread the word regarding the vaccination and hotline number.

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that when the phone calls cease to come through to the hotline, the existing CODE RED system can possibly be utilized to spread the word via telephone calls to all County phone numbers.*

In closing, Mr. Sherer advised that the Culpeper Regional Hospital has been instrumental in assisting Madison County with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Facilities & Maintenance: Roger Berry, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, was present to advise that a snow storm is predicted to head this way within the coming days; also noted that all vaccinations were given during the recent COVID-19 vaccination endeavor.

American Legion Post Home: Charles M. Fisher, Legion representative, was present to advise the legion currently has 150 members; members are currently making calls to attain new members; also reported that the VA clinic in Charlottesville supposed to be reaching out to the veterans to provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

Economic Development & Tourism: Tracey Gardner, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, joined via the online platform to provide the following comments:

- Accolades to John Sherer for his hard work.
- Advised of the recent passing on Betty Mitchell, long-time Visitor Center Volunteer for over twenty (20) years.
- Announced that the Health & Wellness Medical Services is open for business but will hold the grand opening in March 2021.
- The Orange-Madison Family Physicians is coming to Madison where Wellsprings was once operating

IT: Bruce Livingston, Internet Technology Technician, was present to report that data is ready for 410 N. Main Street (waiting to receive the go ahead from the construction crew); audio-visual capability will be initiated in the auditorium to allow for remote operational capability and be more efficient; working to get Geo-Com in order; several trouble tickets continue.

Treasurer: Stephanie Murray, Treasurer, joined via the online platform and advised that a comparison was done from January 2020 (59.18%) to January 21 (59.29%) which shows the County breaking even; collections being initiated soon; kick-off meeting with Avinity to commence soon; accolades to John Sherer for his diligence.

Madison County Schools: Barry Penn Hollar, Madison School Board, joined via the online platform and advised that the school's current draft budget calls for a reduction in funding (from \$30,000,000 down to 20,308,000); there has been very little increase in healthcare costs; \$374,000 in additional sales tax revenue will be allocated from Richmond; asking for a three percent (3%) salary increase across the board, and an additional \$500 upward adjustment to the instructional assistant's pay scale across the board; plans to eliminate two (2) positions and establish three (3) new positions (MPS, WYES & WMS); plans to extend the summer school program to allow students the opportunity to catch up on missed learning opportunities during the pandemic; the Governor is requiring that an in-person component be in place within all school systems by March 1st, which the local school system has already been in compliance with; however, the schools system is unable to accommodate full social distancing requirements until the fall of 2021; several school staff have signed up for the COVID-19 vaccination.

- *Chairman Jackson: Emphasized the fact that the County's funding commitment noted in the school system's budget has decreased by \$2,399.00; verbalized accolades to the Superintendent and school staff for their efforts to accomplish this task.*

Old Business

6. Consideration: CARES Act Funding Extension for Boys & Girls Club: The County Administrator advised that discussions during the previous meeting focused on a letter received from the Boys & Girls Club to extend that the CARES Act funds be extended through August 31, 2021.

- *Chairman Jackson: Encouraged the Board of the Boys & Girls Club come before the Board of Supervisors in the future (as opposed to sending staff); also advised that the Boys & Girls Club has \$37,382 remaining from the \$125,000 request for CARES Act funding, which they have asked to extend through August 30, 2021, in*

order to allow them to continue providing services, as also supported and encouraged by the School Superintendent.

- *Supervisor Yowell: Verbalized favor of supporting the request to extend the timeline for the use of CARES Act funding, based on the fact that the school board meeting yielded information that indicated the summer school program will be extended and the Boys & Girls Club will be heavily involved in that endeavor.*

Supervisor Yowell moved that the Board of Supervisors authorize an extension to the MOU for the Boys & Girls Club until August 31, 2021, seconded by Supervisor Foster. **Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).**

7. Report: Statues of Major County Projects (Hobbs): The County Administrator provided a list of active Madison County projects (as of February 5, 2021):

Active Madison County Projects

- A. COVID-19 Vaccination Events
- B. Madison Primary School
- C. Public Safety Radio Project
- D. Financial Software Implementation
- E. County Administration Center Renovation
- F. Broadband Implementation
- G. RSA Discussions
- H. Madison County Rescue Squad/EMS Facilities
- I. FY22 Budget

Finance: Mary Jane, Finance Director, joined via the online platform, and advised that \$10,000 was used to fund EMS commitments; also noted that financial request by VASAP and the Town of Madison are still outstanding; advised that capital funds can be utilized if desired.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to utilize capital funds to pay a portion of the funding due on the ambulance VASAP requested funding, and change the direction as to where the \$10,000 in medical supplies is funded through the CARES Act funding.

Vaccine Hotline: The Finance Director advised that staff hired (by Brad Jarvis, Extension Office) to man the hotline were hired with the assumption that they will be paid through the County's payroll; estimated costs total about \$15,000.00 which she recommended be paid from one funding source.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to 'bucket' the total expense and pay the hired staff accordingly.

ERP Governance: The Finance Director advised that work will not be done on the process until May; also noted that in reviewing documents, it was noted that there is no oversight or structure over the entire project, which is thought to be put in order.

- *Chairman Jackson: Questioned why the Committee isn't being utilized to assess the project;*
To which the Finance Director advised that the Committee was established to evaluate the process only; noted that the Board should assess whether to streamline the process, and that every private detail of the project shouldn't be put in front of the Committee. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to request that the established Committee work to develop a policy that would be reported at a future meeting.

FY22 Budget: The Finance Director advised that she's still working on getting January numbers out to all department heads; anticipates having this accomplished by tomorrow; also noted that a kick-off meeting hasn't yet been established with Avinity - anticipates getting that accomplished soon.

New Business

Information/Correspondence

Animal Shelter Operating Policy/Hours: The County Administrator advised that Megan Ingram, Animal Shelter Manager, has recommended a change in the shelter's operating policy and allow the facility to be open for four (4) days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday) for extended hours, and assess how this works out.

Public Comment

Chairman Jackson opened the floor for public comment. The following individual(s) provided comment(s):

- Charles M. Fisher was present and made reference to the historical marker at Shelby Road and Route 231 has been destroyed; noted that there was much history on the marker that is now gone, and probably won't be replaced; noted that the proposed telecommunications tower at Uno is very much needed; suggested that something be done with the Criglersville Elementary School by way of using CARES Act 2 funding, if applicable; questioned the citizen comments criticizing the trails at Hoover Ridge.
- *Supervisor Foster: Noted that the citizens' concerns call for the trails to be paved.*
- *Chairman Jackson: Suggested that Max Lacy of the Madison County Historical Society be consulted as to whether there is something that can be done about the destroyed marker at Shelby Road and Route 231; also concurred with Mr. Fisher's comments that the tower at Uno is greatly needed.*

RSA: The County Attorney advised that the Greene County Circuit Court has allowed Greene County to name Madison County and Orange County as additional defendants; he anticipates being served with a lawsuit within the coming days, which he will attend to.

Closed Session - None.

Adjourn:

With no further action being required, on motion of Supervisor Hoffman, seconded by Supervisor Foster, the meeting was adjourned. **Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).**

R. Clay Jackson, Chairman
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of the Madison County Board of Supervisors
Copies: Board of Supervisors, County Attorney & Constitutional Officers
Adopted on: February 23, 2021

Adopted Items:

Resolution #2021-3 [Request to Change Mulatto Run to Pass Run]



Agenda
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM
County Administration Building, Auditorium
414 N Main Street, Madison, Virginia 22727

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Determine Presence of a Quorum / Adopt Agenda

Special Presentation

Public Comment

Special Appearances

1. Public Hearing: Renaming Mulatto Run to Pass Run [Resolution #2021-3]
2. Presentation: Jane Bowling-Wilson, Northern Piedmont Community Foundation
3. Presentation: Carrie Shephard, VDOT
 - A. Quarterly Report
 - B. Speed Limit Signs on Lester Utz Lane
 - C. Criglersville Swinging Bridges

Consent Agenda

3.
 - A. Minutes from the January 21 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #1)
 - B. Minutes from the January 26 Board Meeting (Regular Meeting #1)
 - C. Minutes from the January 28 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #2)
 - D. Minutes from the January 31 Board Meeting (Called/Special Meeting)
 - E. Minutes from the February 4 Board Meeting (Budget Worksession #3)
 - F. Approval to Pay Invoices from Bond Proceeds (\$298,884.34, no Taft bill this cycle)
 - G. Supplement 21-43 Electoral Board CARES Act funding true up \$8,431.03
 - H. Supplement 21-44 Emergency Communications NextGen true up \$26,143.11
 - I. Supplement 21-45 Insurance Recoveries \$4,784.86
 - J. Supplement 21-46 Reclassify Moore Building Rent as Debt \$42,225.50

Constitutional Officers, County Departments, Committees & Organizations

5. Committee Appointments (Frye)

Old Business

6. Consideration: CARES Act Funding Extension for Boys & Girls Club (Hobbs)
7. Report: Status of Major County Projects (Hobbs)

New Business

Information/Correspondence

Public Comment

Closed Session

Adjourn